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CITY NOTES. In the estate of Margaret O. Shortz, late of this city, letters of administration were yesterday granted to her husband, Thomas Shortz.

The bond of John J. Kearney as treasurer of the High Works Young Men's Beneficial society was yesterday filed with Probationary Judge. It is in the sum of \$1,000.

MARRIED. DUSH—WITHEBICK. In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 8, 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents, 1286 Wyoming avenue, by Rev. W. J. Ford, William F. Dush and Miss Ella May Withebeck, both of Scranton.

DIED. CUSICK.—In Scranton, Dec. 8, 1897, Emily, the 85-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Cusick, at the family residence, 48 Lackawanna avenue. Funeral Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial in the Holy Park Catholic cemetery.

A GREAT SURPRISE IS IN STORE for those who will go today on a package of GLEAN-O. It takes the place of coffee at about 1/4 the cost. It is a food drink, full of health, and can be given to the children as well as the adult with great benefit.

COMMON COUNCIL DOES MUCH BUSINESS Large Number of New and Old Measures Acted Upon.

SEVENTEENTH WARD IMPROVEMENTS Measures for Sidewalks on Mulberry Street and Prescott Avenue and for Several Street Openings Introduced by Mr. Keller—Municipal Electric Light Ordinance of Mr. Noone Hobs Up Again in a Favorable Report from Committee.

Among the select council resolutions which were concurred in were the following: The Burns resolution, directing the payment of bills after approval by the auditing committee and the mayor; directing the city solicitor to appeal from the report of viewless awarding damages in the grading at the corner of Robinson and Ninth streets; Mr. Finn's resolution providing for the paving of Providence road and North Main avenue; directing the city clerk to advertise for proposals to furnish a third-class steam fire engine for Franklin Engine company, purchasing land from George Brown in order to permit the laying of sidewalks, provided for in the Ninth and Robinson street ordinance.

Mr. Grier introduced a resolution, which was adopted, directing the city engineer to prepare an estimate of cost of filling the approaches to the Blume avenue culvert in the Third ward.

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OFFICERS' PISTOL MATCH. Shot in the Armory of Company E, Honesdale. The officers of the Thirteenth regiment went to Honesdale yesterday and held their annual pistol match. The match was shot in the evening at the armory of Company E, of Honesdale.

THE WAYS OF WOMEN. Easily Ascertained. It was in the spring of 1893, or several days after, when the conversation which I am about to relate was conveyed.

Another big trust scheme is afoot and about to be closed in this and the Wyoming valley. It involves the purchase of seven cracker and fancy cake works of the American and New York Biscuit companies, of New York city and the United States Biscuit company, of Pittsburg. For several years each of these big companies has been gradually continuing their interest into one gigantic concern.

It is proposed by the trust to build a mill of large capacity in this city or Wilkes-Barre for the manufacture of cracker and biscuit foods for consumption in this part of the state. The combine will not affect the bread bakeries as it only manufactures stock goods. The bakeries in this city and vicinity which the trust representative has been dealing with: Michael J. Kelly and Schaefer Bros., of this city; Hitchcock & Co., of Pittsburg; J. B. Carr & Sons, H. L. Moore, the Walters bakery and the Murphy bakery, of Wilkes-Barre. Negotiations are about to be completed with the Hitchcock and Murphy concerns. Options have been given by M. J. Kelly and H. L. Moore. What stages have been reached with Schaefer Bros., Carr & Sons and the Walters bakery are not known.

WILL OWN THE CONCERN. It is not the plan of the trust to give the present owners of the small concerns any interest in the big combine. As rapidly as the smaller properties are acquired they will be placed in charge of managers employed by the trust and will be operated individually until such time as a big mill and bakery are built in Scranton or its vicinity.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN. It was not the original plan of the triple alliance to absorb local companies but it was found that the latter were making good profits on small but heavy sales in fields that the trust could not give attention to. A plan has been hit upon to force the smaller concerns to disgorge. It was decided to make reasonable offers for purchase of all bakeries in thickly populated territories. If these concerns were refused, the combine proposes to erect its own bakeries in local territory, give them local color, undersell the small concerns, make a bid for patronage and force the little fry out of the field of competition.

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BIG BAKERY TRUST IS BEING FORMED Agent Dake Has Been Quietly at Work in This Vicinity.

SCRANTON FIRMS ARE IN IT. Opinion Obtained on the Kelly Bakery, Deal It on with Schaefer Bros., and of Five Wilkes-Barre and Pittsburg Bakeries Two Have Sold Out and One Has Given an Option—Scheme Is Forwarded by the Big American, New York and United States Companies, the Three-Cornered Trust.

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